

# ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT RAMBLING CLUB

(<http://www.altrincham-ramblers.org.uk>)

## MARCH CIRCULAR 2014

1. All rambles meet at the far end of Altrincham Station car park at rear of station . When submitting a walk indicate the mileage from Altrincham Station to the start of the walk (one way only). The cost will be calculated automatically.
2. Decision to cancel or change a ramble is taken at Altrincham.
3. Dogs (on a lead at all times) only taken with prior permission of the leader.
4. Addresses of organisers are in the Membership Card. Cheques to be made out to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB.
5. Number of walkers and names of guests should be notified to the walks organiser.
6. The Club will not be responsible for any personal injury or loss or damage to personal property
7. It is the responsibility of any Club Member who introduces a guest to a walk to ensure that their guest has read the 'Guidelines for Members taking part in Walks'

### \*\*THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2014 TIMPERLEY VILLAGE CLUB\*\*

7.45 pm A film show on the Kinder Mass Trespass by Keith Warrender. A must for all walkers. £4 including light refreshments. If you need a lift contact Heather on 01625 618782.

### SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH - BRADFORD DALE AND LATHKILL DALE

Leave 0830 11.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.40  
Leaders Chris and Margaret Sadler 0161 980 5007 Mob No: 0774777184  
Park Cars: Park cars in the parking area in Chapel Street in the village of Monyash. Post Code DE45 1JJ.  
Explorer Map OL24 - GR SK149666.

We follow the Limestone Way from Monyash to Bradford Dale. Then along Bradford Dale and the full length of Lathkill Dale and back to Monyash. There is a tricky descent into and a steep climb as we cross Cales Dale and the last section of Lathkill Dale is slippery underfoot. Apart from that there is nothing difficult.

### - BOSLEY

Leave 0930 7.5 miles Cat.4/3 Transport £4.80  
Leader Keith Wykes 01625 618164  
Park Cars: This is the same walk as offered on Wednesday 12th February 2014. Timbersbrook Picnic Area CP (GR SJ 895 627) (Postcode CW12 3PP). To Wilmslow & A34 S. to Rood Hill t/lights, Congleton. L. A54 leading to A527 S.P. Biddulph. L. at t/lights into Reades Lane & ahead then L. onto Under Rainow Road passing Coach & Horses PH. At Timbersbrook Village sign L. into Weathercock Lane. CP 100 yds. on R. (where leader will meet).

Key Green; Park Farm; Macclesfield Canal; Bosley Works; Toftgreen Cottage (where stile S. for Cat.3 circa 530 ft. 1 ml. climb to summit of The Cloud - superb views over the Cheshire Plain). Descend to Congleton 82, the Bridestones and missing link and newly opened F.P. courtesy of the Peak & Northern Footpaths Society; Bridestones Burial Chamber (may be wet/muddy hereabouts); easy descent to CP.

### WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - LYME PARK

Leave 0900 10 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.00  
Leader John Beardmore 0161 904 7448 Mob No: 07990079292  
Park Cars: Nelson Pit Car Park, Anson Rd Higher Poynton GR944833

Macclesfield Canal, Hagg Farm, Green Farm, Sweet Hill, Cock Knoll, Bollinghurst Bridge, Ryles Wood, canal. Varied park and moorland climbs and descents in morning, pleasant field walk round Bollinghurst Reservoir after lunch. Maybe muddy. Return to Cars: 3.00pm

### - MARPLE RIDGE AND RIVER GOYT

Leave 0915 7 1/2 miles Cat.3 Transport £3.80  
Leaders Colin and Hazel Baldwin 980 5409 Mob No: 0773 327 0371:  
Park Cars: Marple Ridge Quarry CP. GR 964867. Fork right at traffic lights in Marple into Church Lane. (Texaco station on right). Straight on at mini roundabout. Car park is then 1.3 miles on left.

Descend to River Goyt and follow Goyt Way past Roman Lakes. A steady ascent up a stony track for 3/4 mile to Mellor Golf Course, and then on to Brook Bottom and Strines. Another shorter ascent to the Peak Forest Canal which is followed towards Disley. Then up a steep flight of steps near Disley Golf Course before the return to the cars. A walk almost entirely on tracks but there could be some muddy places.

**- ARLEY/ GREAT BUDWORTH**

Leave 10.00 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £2.40 Leader Jan Williams 07913441664  
Park Cars: Small walkers car park at Arley Hall (SJ671809) A556 Chester Road to M6 roundabout then right onto B5391 Pickmere Lane at the Windmill pub, or A56 towards Lymm then left onto the B5159 High Legh Road following the signs for Arley Hall. The walkers car park is past the main car park to the cross roads and turn left.

A fairly level walk over farmland and through one of Cheshire's loveliest villages. Can be muddy in wet weather so be prepare ! Lunch in Great Budworth church for a small donation - worth it to be warm and dry - no soggy sarnies on this walk!

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**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - BAMFORD AND STANAGE EDGES**

Leave 0830 10.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £7.60 Leader: Colin Turner 973 7770  
Park cars Heatherdene P&D car park overlooking Ladybower reservoir on A6013 GR 202860 (C.P. charge to be shared) Return to Cars: 4pm approx

Climb to Bamford Edge, on to Green House then climb to Stanage Edge. Along the edge to Moscar House and Cutthroat Bridge

**- BROADHEATH / DUNHAM MASSEY**

Leave 0945 6.5 miles Cat.4 Transport 0.40p  
Leader Elaine Hall 962 5422 Mob No: 07790063485  
Park Cars: Road side at Timperley Metro Station where leader will meet.

Flat walk through Woodheys Park to disused railway to Birchouse Farm. Field footpaths and road to Bridgewater Canal back to cars

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**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - EDENFIELD**

Leave 0915 9.5 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5  
Leader Ian Stenhouse 926 8446 Mob No: 07713030118  
Park Cars: On roadside by Recreation Ground in Edenfield GR SD 799192. Leave M66 at J1 and take A56 north to Edenfield. At roundabout in Edenfield go straight ahead onto B6527 and IMMEDIATELY turn left into Exchange Street. Park on right beside Recreation Ground.

Drop into the Irwell Valley to Strongstry and then climb up through Stubbins Wood to the edge of Holcombe Moor. On to Irwell Vale by way of Raven Shore and then back to Edenfield and on to Foe Edge by Sand Pits Lane and back to the cars by Horncliffe Close and New Hall. The route is mainly on good tracks but there may be a few muddy sections.

**- MARBURY**

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £3.60  
Leaders Elizabeth Downie & Sandra McFadyen 0161 904 9775 Mob No: 0780 1054 139  
Park Cars: Marbury country Park GR 652 764 M56 to J10. Turn sharp left to A559. After 3.5 miles, at Sevenoaks Saddlery, turn right into Gibb Hill and follow brown signs to Marbury Country Park P&D £2.50

Budworth Mere, Forge Brook, Dairy House Meadows, Hadyn's Pool, Witton Brook, River Weaver, Anderton Lift, Trent and Mersey Canal Marina. Canal to Marbury Lane and back to cars. No stiles but a few steps.

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**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - EYAM**

Leave 0830 11 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £7.00 Leader: Mike Gregory 01625 614211  
Park Cars: Free car park opposite Eyam museum GR. SK216767 (where leader will meet).

A mainly moorland walk along some old tracks and ways with excellent wide ranging views. Eyam - Foolow - Abney Moor - Offerton Hall - Abney - Stoke Ford - Sir William Hill - Eyam.

**- HARE HILL**

Leave 0930 6 miles Cat.3 Transport £2.00  
Leader Beryl Hunwick 928 3644 & Edna Adderley 980 7753  
Park cars The walk begins at Alderley Edge main car park, next to the cafe. Pay and display, free to National Trust members. Route via Hale Road A538 to Wilmslow, turn right after fire station onto Hawthorn Street, at roundabout follow signs to Alderley Edge (second exit) onto Alderley Road, second exit at A34 roundabout onto Wilmslow Road, through Alderley Edge village and turn left onto B5087 Macclesfield Road, continue up the hill following National Trust signs to Alderley Edge, main car park is on the left just beyond The Wizard. Grid reference SJ860776.

This walk takes us across farmland to Hare Hill and back to the Edge via Daniel Hill and Waterfall Wood. From the Edge we head across Macclesfield Road and take a loop through Windmill Wood before heading back, via the Armada Beacon to the car park. There is very little road walking, a few stiles but it can be extremely muddy in places, even waterlogged and if the wet weather continues we may have to do an alternative walk. A decision will be made near the date.

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - RIVINGTON**

Leave 0915 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £5.00

Leader Brenda Bailey and David Bona 0161 900 9177 Mob No: 07549630227

Park Cars: M60 to M61 off at junction 6. On to A6027(A673) signposted Horwich. Over main roundabout through traffic lights then left at roundabout (A673). Before mini roundabout you will see a Rivington sign to right. Turn right on to Leverpark Avenue. Go past Rivington and Blackrod High School on right and look for Blue Rivington sign on left and turn into carpark. OS map 287 grid ref 128635

From carpark to Crooked Edge Hill to Winter Hill. Down to Horden Pasture on to Higher and Lower Hempshaw's to Sam Pasture Simms to the Lancaster Bomber Memorial. Down to Parson's Bullough, past Yarrow Reservoir, Upper and Lower Rivington Reservoir back to carpark. Leader will meet at carpark

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**- CHORLTON AND SALE WATER PARKS**

Leave 0930 7 miles Cat.4 Transport £1

Leader Pauline Campbell 0161 864 1335. Mob 07432 582872

Park cars GR SJ 824 919. Post code M23 7WH. Leader to meet at venue. M56 motorway continuing along Princess Parkway. Turn left at Southern Cemetery then left into Maitland Road opposite the cemetery between James Hilton Memorials and Elite Cleaning. Entrance across end of road. Free parking and toilets at entrance.

A nice flat walk, no stiles and a river returning through Kenworthy Woods. Usually plenty of birds.

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**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH - MARPLE**

Leave 0830 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £2.00

Leader Stella Lewis 904 8998 Mob No: 07923469796

Park Cars: Car park of service road grid ref. SJ95885 postcode SK6 7AL

A626 to Marple, past Rose Hill Station. At traffic lights by Texaco petrol station take right hand fork into oneway street Church Lane, keep going uphill. Service Road carpark on the left. Pay and display. Leaders will meet

Canals around Marple, Mellor Church, hamlets of Moored and Brookbottom

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**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - HOPE**

Leave 0900 9 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £6.00

Leader: Pauline Glover & Beverly Harrison 928 0644 & 928 1093 Mob No: 0774 261 3309

Park Cars: In road opposite Hope church. SK 172834

A varied and scenic walk including a Roman track, Hope Cross, Ladybower reservoir. Views of Kinder Scout, Edale valley, the Crook hills and Ashopton viaduct. Return to Cars: 3.30

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**- REDESMERE**

Leave 9.45 6 miles Cat.4 Transport £3.00

Leaders David & Liz White 980 8605 Mobile No. 07716 961974

Park Cars Take A34 South from Alderley Edge. Straight on at Monks Heath traffic lights. In about 2 miles turn left into Redesmere Lane and park at far end of the marked car parking spaces overlooking Redesmere GR SJ 849 713.

From Siddington Church we cross fields to Northwood Farm. Then following good paths to Henshaw Hall Farm. Cross Fanshawe Brook and back via Henbury Moss. A lovely flat walk with very few stiles

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**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - MANIFOLD VALLEY**

Leave 0845 10 miles Cat.3/2 Transport £8.00

Leader John Brownill 980 1774

Park Cars: Public car park at South end of Wetton GR SK109551 Return to Cars: 4.00

This is a clockwise walk round the upper part of the Manifold valley. It will take in Wetton, Grindon, Warslow and Hulme End, returning to Wetton by the West side of Wetton Hill.

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**- TARPORLEY**

Leave 0945 5.5 miles Cat.4 Transport £5

Leaders Janet Blinkhorn and Mike Jones 941 1634 Mob No: 07840 671087

Park cars Public CP behind British Legion club Tarporley.

From A49 take Tarporley turn. CP is through town and signposted on L. GR 554 624

Tarporley - Portal golf course - Eaton - Oakland - Heath Green - Tarporley

A pleasant walk to the village of Eaton with good views. A few stiles but nothing too difficult.

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## LEADERS WANTED

SUNDAYS - April 6th 'C', April 13th, 'B' and 'C', April 20th, 'B' and 'C', April 27th, 'C'  
'A' walks and 'B' walks above 8 miles Contact: Phil Worsley Tel: 777 6013  
'B' walks up to 8 miles and 'C' walks Contact: Alison Wilkes Tel: 962 9352  
Would all Sunday Walk Leaders please forward details of numbers on walks, guest details etc. direct to Phil Worsley

### Sunday Walks Organiser - 'B' walks up to 8 miles and 'C' walks

Due to family health problems, Alison Wilkes has recently advised that she will not be continuing in the above role and will be standing down at the very latest at the next AGM. Further to this, Alison will not be attending many walks and will be unable to commit herself to doing any leading. As a result of this any offers of help at this difficult time would be gratefully accepted by Alison. Volunteers to take over this role are asked to contact Alison or Phil Worsley but until further notice all offers of walks are to be given to Alison or to Phil as normal.

## WEDNESDAYS

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 'B' & 'C', 9<sup>th</sup> 'A' & 'C', 16<sup>th</sup> 'A', 23<sup>rd</sup> 'A' & 'B', 30<sup>th</sup> 'A', 'B' & 'C'  
Contact Alan Key 941 4359 'A' walks, David White 980 8605 'B' and 'C' walks

## FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - COACH TRIP TO LANGDALE - DUNGEON GHYLL  
'A' walk - 9 miles Cat.2 Leader: Phil Worsley - Crinkle Crags and Bow Fell - Full details on the coach.  
'B' walk - 8 miles Cat.3 Leader: Keith Leslie  
'C' walk - 5 miles Cat.4/3 Leader: Keith Wykes

Book with Janet Blinkhorn (941 1634) 2 Hawthorn Cottages, Hawthorn Road, Hale, Cheshire WA15 5RQ with a cheque for £10 made payable to ALTRINCHAM RAMBLING CLUB. Please note that there will be a 15 minute comfort stop at the Services so please bring your own drink or buy a take-away.

*\*Will all coach trip leaders let Anne Macaulay have details of your walks by 11<sup>th</sup> March please\**

### WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY.

5 mile walk with hotpot lunch at Blaze Farm. Cost £6. Pay on day. Book with Heather on 01625 618782

WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY - Roberts Bakery, Northwich. Free tour. 2.30 pm. Book with Heather.

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LADIES REGATTA BRAND NEW WALKING TROUSERS. Size 16. Donations only. Contact Heather.

SPEAKERS for use at Socials. Derrick Hamer has the speakers at present but we are looking for someone else to store them. If you could help please get in touch with Heather. 01625 618782.

## MAP CUSTODIAN

Just to remind you that the Club has a library of maps that can be borrowed by Members.

These OS Explorer Series 1:25000 maps cover the whole of the local area from Settle in the north to Ilam in the south and from Bangor in the west to Matlock in the east. We also have all of the Lake District and most of the areas that have been visited by The Club on Weekends Away.

Also available is a full set of 10 Wainwright books and an AA loose-leafed book of 1001 Best Walks in Britain.

The latter would be particularly useful to B or C Walkers who are looking for a walk to lead for The Club.

If you want a full list of the maps that are available then contact me. Chris Sadler (Map Custodian).

## CLUB WEBSITE

A Group to facilitate the development of a new Club Website has now been set up but additional members who feel they have skills to offer are still welcome. The Groups next task is to draw up a design specification. In this context they invite input of members as to what features they would like incorporating into the envisaged new site. Please e mail any views, suggestions or opinions before the end of February to the Webmaster at:

[webmaster@altrincham-ramblers.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@altrincham-ramblers.org.uk)

## JOHN MORTON

Many of our longstanding members would probably remember John Morton - a walker for many years. who died on 28<sup>th</sup> January. The funeral will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Church service at St. Anne's Church, Northenden Road, Sale Moor at 11.00 am. Interment at Altrincham Crematorium at 12.15.

## NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at Timperley Community Centre, Park Road, Timperley.

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